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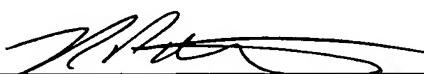
**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136(a)**Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated July 17, 2002, be extended for a period of 2 month(s) from October 17, 2002 to and including December 17, 2002.

The fee for this extension is estimated to be \$400.00. Please charge the required fee to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150 (order no. 1803-330-999). A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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